

Wycombe Friends of the Earth

Minutes of Monthly Meeting at Wednesday 4th March 2015, 7.30pm at
The Friends Meeting House, 25 London Road, High Wycombe, HP11 2LG

1. Present and Apologies.

Present: 13

Apologies: 0

Names in **bold** denotes action required by that person.

2. Finance. £400 in credit. The meeting room and our Marinet subscription have been paid for.

3. FoE South-East Regional Gathering – a brief report by a member

Approximately 60 people present. There were a number of discussion groups.

The biggest was on climate change because of the London march coming up ahead of the climate change summit in Paris in December but already USA and China are not likely to go far enough in their commitments.

Members are requested to contact their MP to highlight climate change problems.

Some of the workshops at the gathering included:

- ▶ The Bee cause - the moratorium on neonicotinoids will expire at the end of the year and Bayer will try and overturn the ruling
- ▶ Effective campaigning – one local group has held a Noah's ark day
- ▶ Flooding. A river is being diverted to bypass Oxford but it could produce problems further downstream
- ▶ Sustainable housing discussion which was of limited interest
- ▶ Run on Sun
- ▶ Fracking

4. Planning for the Climate Change Demo to be held on Saturday 7 March (12:30pm, Lincoln's Inn Fields). Two possible trains – 10.55am (arrives 11.38am), 11.06 (arrives 11.41am) and 11.24 (arrive 12.13pm). The latter train might well be in time as these things take a while to get started. **All members** are invited to attend.

5. Morrison's road verges/wildlife planting – the coordinator has ascertained that none of the areas of interest belong to Bucks CC and Mike will approach Wycombe DC next.

6. Bare gardens – a member is in the process of investigating the new website further but has had. WEC and a member are planning to link up on this to progress it further.

7. Ecotip will encourage seed sowing and bee-friendly flowers – see website.

8. AOB - 28th March is Earth Hour when we are strongly encouraged to manage without electricity for one hour from 8.30pm.

9. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 1st April 2015 at The Friends Meeting House, 25 London Road, High Wycombe, HP11 2LG

Main item – 8pm:

Film: Anima Mundi